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PREVIOUSLY IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG...
IT'S TOUGH BEING
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THESE DAYS...
...BETRAYED BY A TEAMMATE, FORCED TO FIGHT OFF ANGRY MOBS, AN ARCH-NEMESIS IN HIDING...
...SOUNDS LIKE SOMEBODY COULD USE A BREAK...

THE KID'S GOTTEN FASTER!
EXCUSE ME! COMING THROUGH!
HE'S SEEN ME! I DON'T KNOW IF I'LL MAKE IT!
WEAVING THROUGH THE CROWD TO THROW ME OFF ...SMART.
ALMOST THERE! ALMOST--!

BASE! BASE!
I TOTALLY CAUGHT YOU!
NO WAY!
THE FLAG IS OFFICIALLY CAPTURED!
BARELY!
WELCOME TO THE PLANET MOBIUS--A WORLD UNIQUE AND BEYOND WHAT YOU KNOW FROM THE SEGA GAMES--WHERE SONIC AND THE HEROIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS WORK TO SAVE THE WORLD FROM THE FORCES OF EVIL!

THE WORLD CAN WAIT

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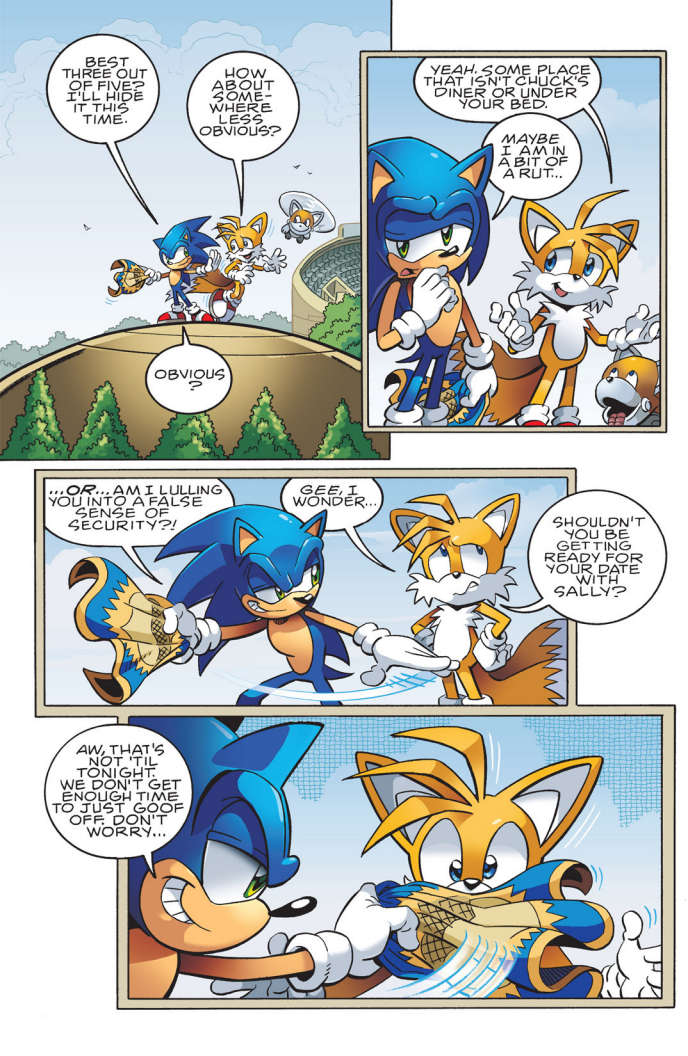
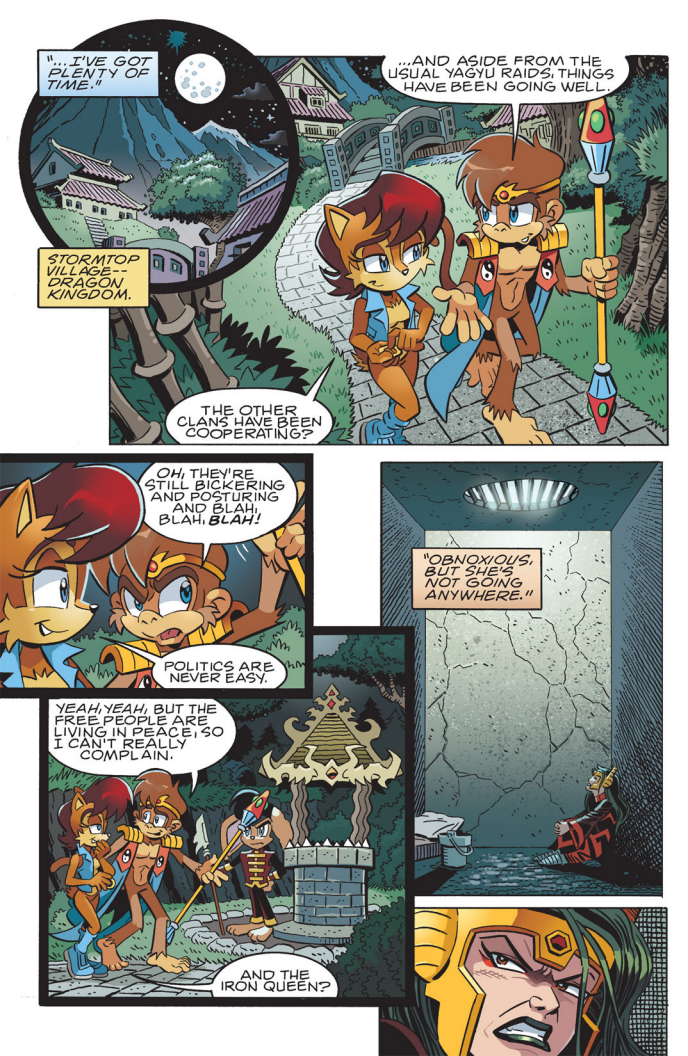
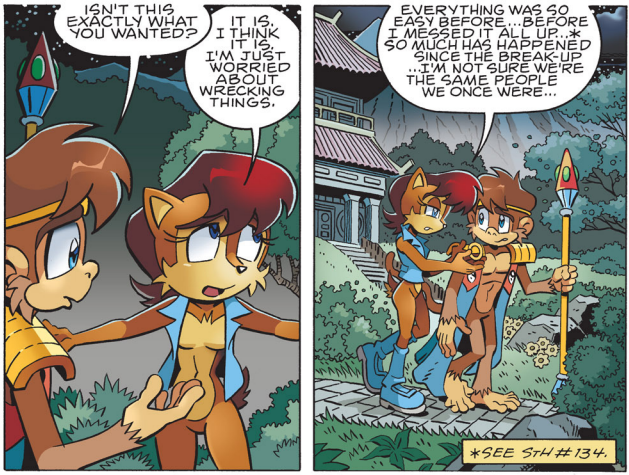

BEST THREE OUT OF FIVE? I'LL HIDE IT THIS TIME.
HOW ABOUT SOME-WHERE LESS OBVIOUS?
OBVIOUS?
YEAH, SOME PLACE THAT ISN'T CHUCK'S DINER OR UNDER YOUR BED.
MAYBE I AM IN A BIT OF A RUT...
...OR... AM I LULLING YOU INTO A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY?!
GEE, I WONDER...
SHOULDN'T YOU BE GETTING READY FOR YOUR DATE WITH SALLY?
AW, THAT'S NOT 'TIL TONIGHT. WE DON'T GET ENOUGH TIME TO JUST GOOF OFF. DON'T WORRY...


"...I'VE GOT PLENTY OF TIME."
STORMTOP VILLAGE--DRAGON KINGDOM.
...AND ASIDE FROM THE USUAL YAGYU RAIDS, THINGS HAVE BEEN GOING WELL.
THE OTHER CLANS HAVE BEEN COOPERATING?
OH, THEY'RE STILL BICKERING AND POSTURING AND BLAH, BLAH, BLAH!
POLITICS ARE NEVER EASY.
YEAH, YEAH, BUT THE FREE PEOPLE ARE LIVING IN PEACE, SO I CAN'T REALLY COMPLAIN.
AND THE IRON QUEEN?
"OBNOXIOUS, BUT SHE'S NOT GOING ANYWHERE."

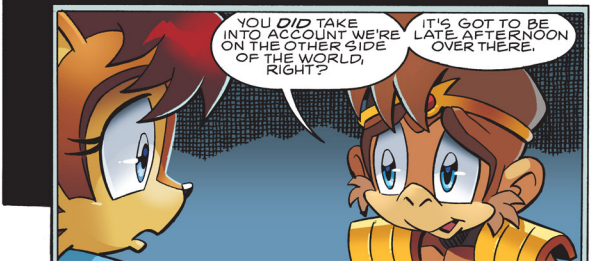
BUT YOU DIDN'T COME HERE JUST TO CHECK UP ON THE DRAGON KINGDOM.
I...WELL...I DO CARE... IT'S JUST...

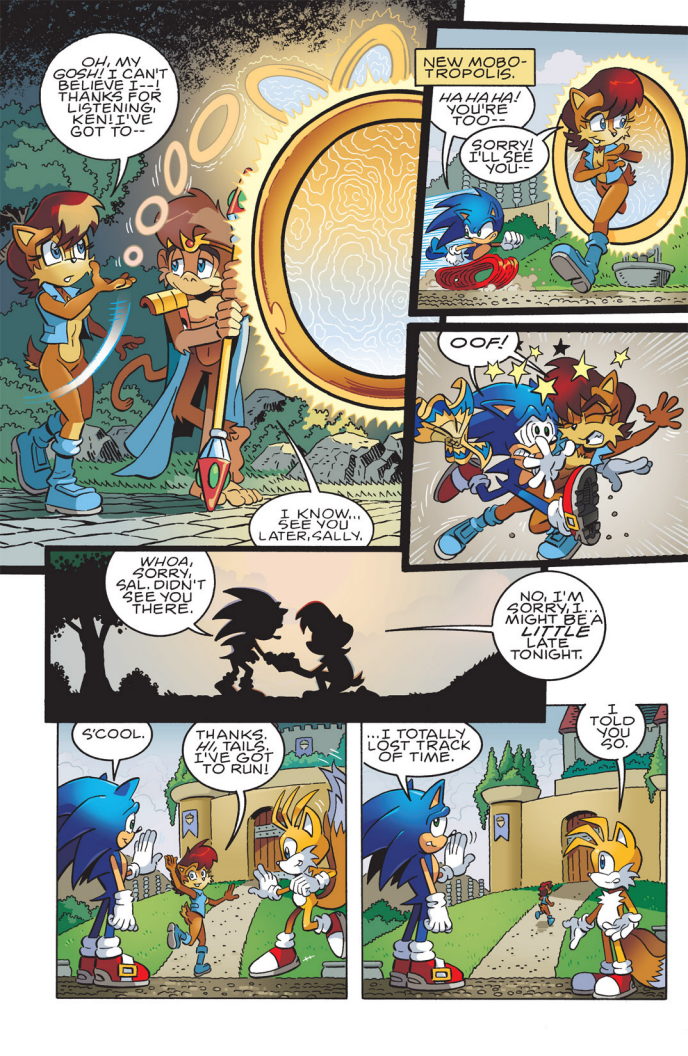
THINGS ARE...TENSE AT HOME. PEOPLE ARE NERVOUS ABOUT NICOLE. EGGMAN IS STILL MISSING, AND THEN SOMEONE WE THOUGHT WE TRUSTED...
NUH-UH. YOU DON'T RUN FROM CHALLENGES LIKE THAT. WHAT IS IT, REALLY?

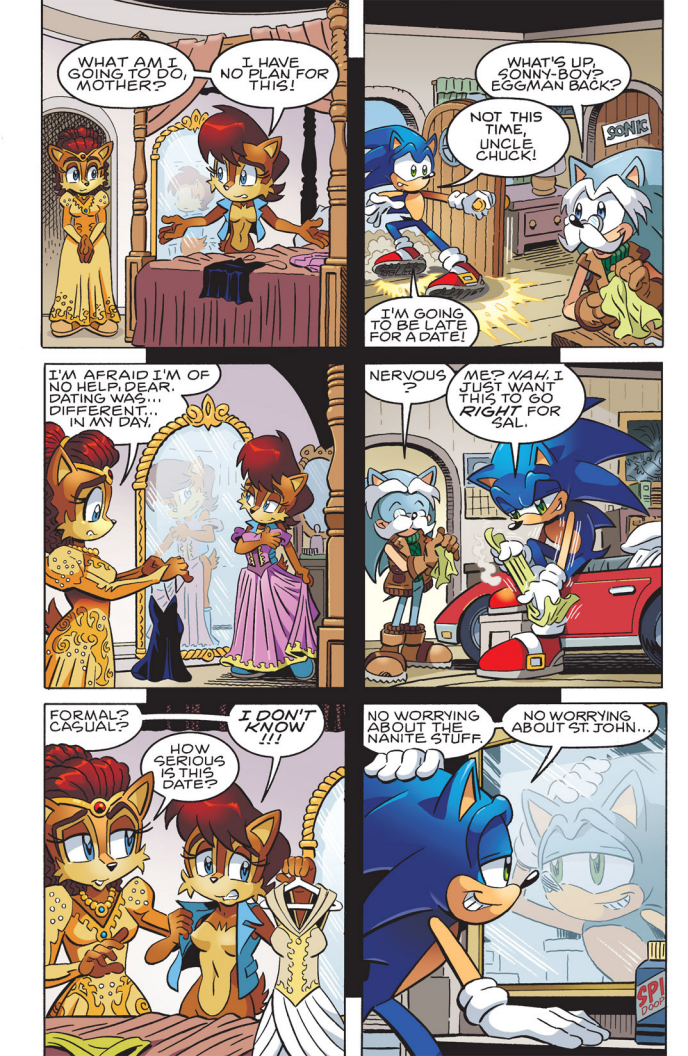
I HAVE A DATE WITH SONIC TONIGHT.
THERE WE GO. YOU CAN TELL ME THESE THINGS.


ISN'T THIS EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANTED?
IT IS, I THINK IT IS. I'M JUST WORRIED ABOUT WRECKING THINGS.
EVERYTHING WAS SO EASY BEFORE...BEFORE I MESSED IT ALL UP. * SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED SINCE THE BREAK-UP ...I'M NOT SURE WE'RE THE SAME PEOPLE WE ONCE WERE...
*SEE StH #134.

IT'S YOU. IT'LL BE FINE. AND IF YOU NEED TO TALK, I'M HERE.
THANKS, KEN. I JUST NEED TO CHILL OUT FOR A BIT...


YOU DID TAKE INTO ACCOUNT WE'RE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD, RIGHT?
IT'S GOT TO BE LATE AFTERNOON OVER THERE.


OH, MY GOSH! I CAN'T BELIEVE I--! THANKS FOR LISTENING, KEN! I'VE GOT TO--
I KNOW... SEE YOU LATER, SALLY.
NEW MOBO-TROPOLIS.
HA HA HA! YOU'RE TOO--
SORRY! I'LL SEE YOU--
OOF!
WHOA, SORRY, SAL. DIDN'T SEE YOU THERE.
NO, I'M SORRY, I... MIGHT BE A LITTLE LATE TONIGHT.
S'COOL.
THANKS. HI, TAILS. I'VE GOT TO RUN!
...I TOTALLY LOST TRACK OF TIME.
I TOLD YOU SO.


WHAT AM I GOING TO DO, MOTHER?
I HAVE NO PLAN FOR THIS!
WHAT'S UP, SONNY-BOY? EGGMAN BACK?
NOT THIS TIME, UNCLE CHUCK!
SONIC
I'M GOING TO BE LATE FOR A DATE!
I'M AFRAID I'M OF NO HELP, DEAR. DATING WAS... DIFFERENT... IN MY DAY.
NERVOUS?
ME? NAH, I JUST WANT THIS TO GO RIGHT FOR SAL.
FORMAL? CASUAL?
I DON'T KNOW!!!
HOW SERIOUS IS THIS DATE?
NO WORRYING ABOUT THE NANITE STUFF.
NO WORRYING ABOUT ST. JOHN...

WHAT ABOUT THE HAIR? UP? DOWN? DO I HAVE TIME TO ASK BUNNIE?
SALLY...

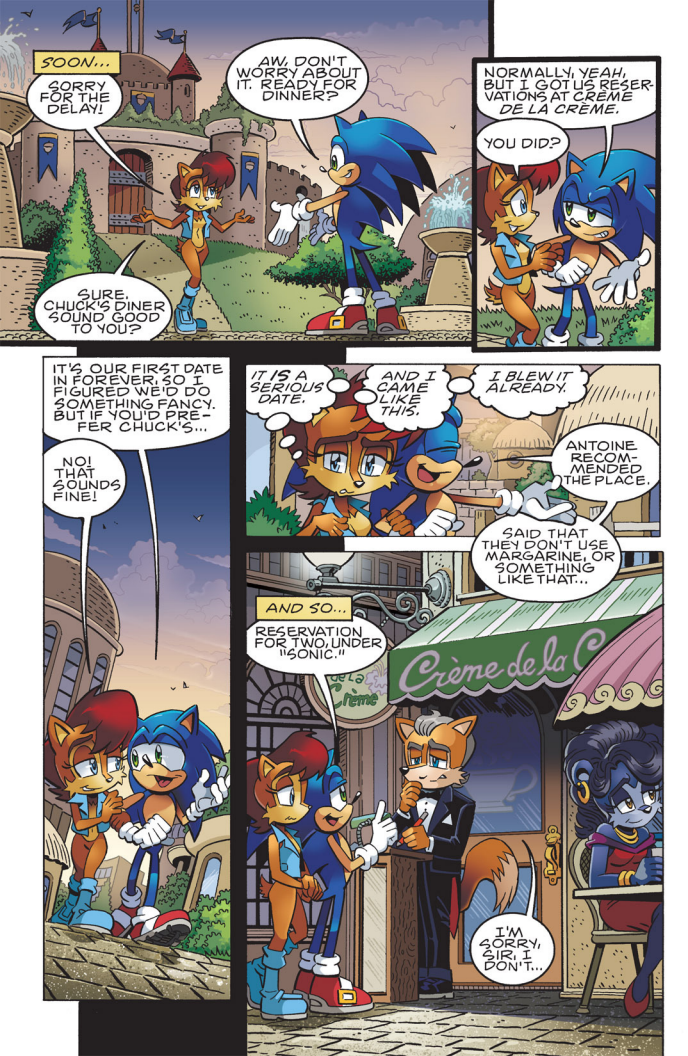
I WANT THIS TO GO PERFECTLY FOR HER. JUST...
...CHILLING OUT LIKE OLD TIMES.
SONIC...

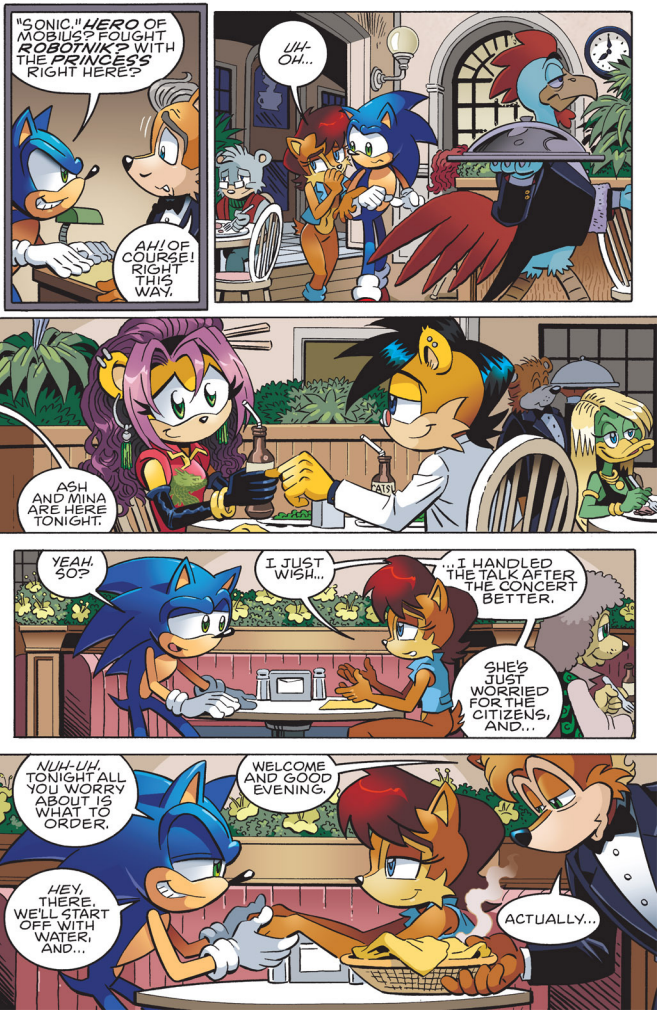
BE YOURSELF. THAT'S THE GIRL HE FELL FOR.

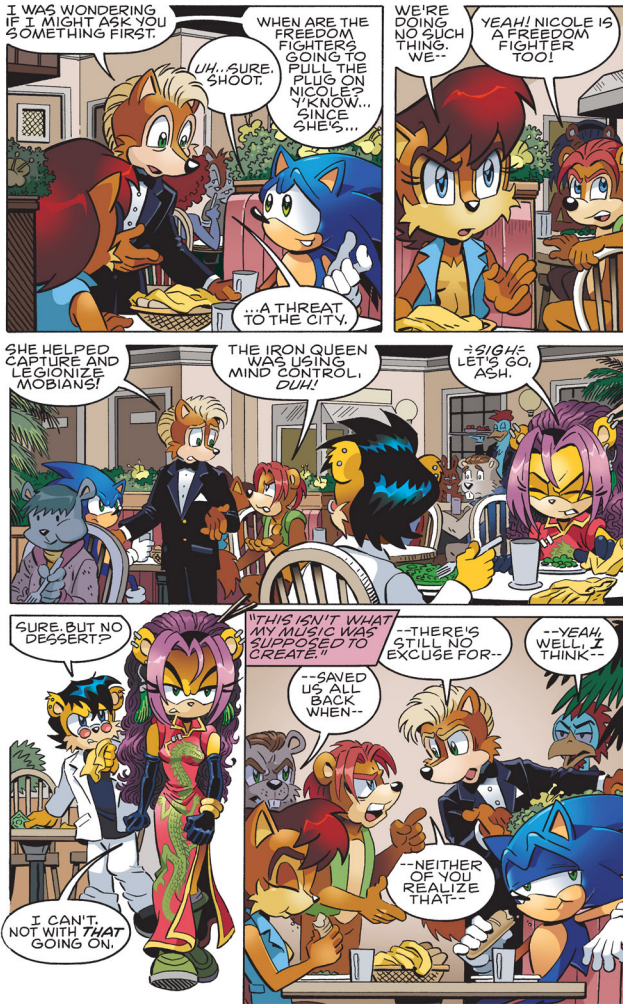
JUST RELAX AND ACT THE WAY YOU ALWAYS DO. JUST LIKE OLD TIMES.

I'M NOT SURE I KNOW HOW TO BE THAT. BUT... THANKS.

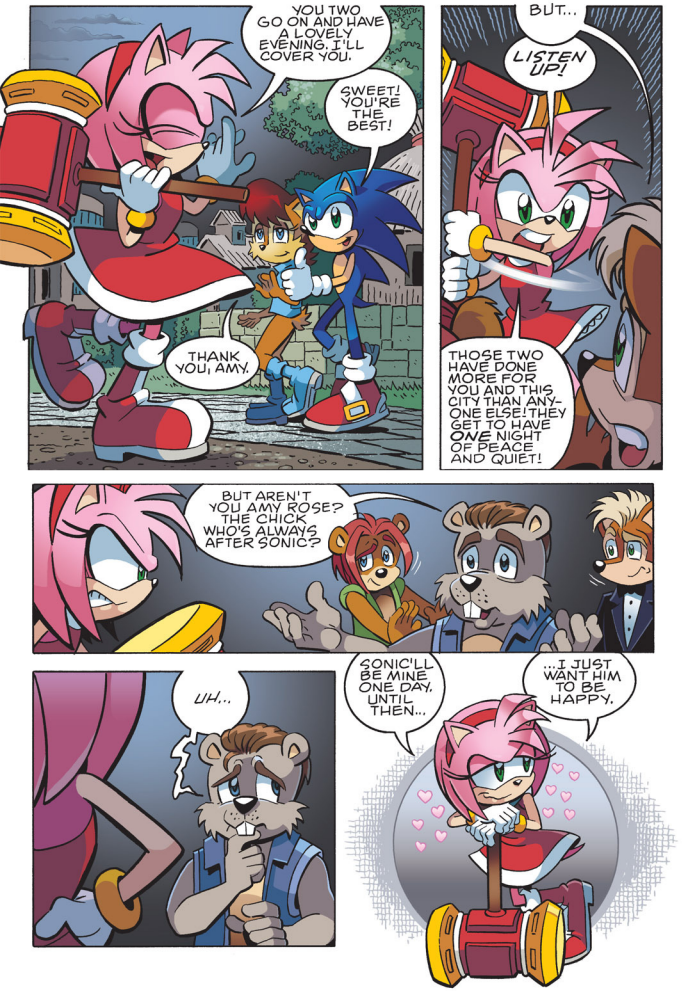
NO WORRIES, UNC! I'M ALWAYS COOLER THAN COOL.

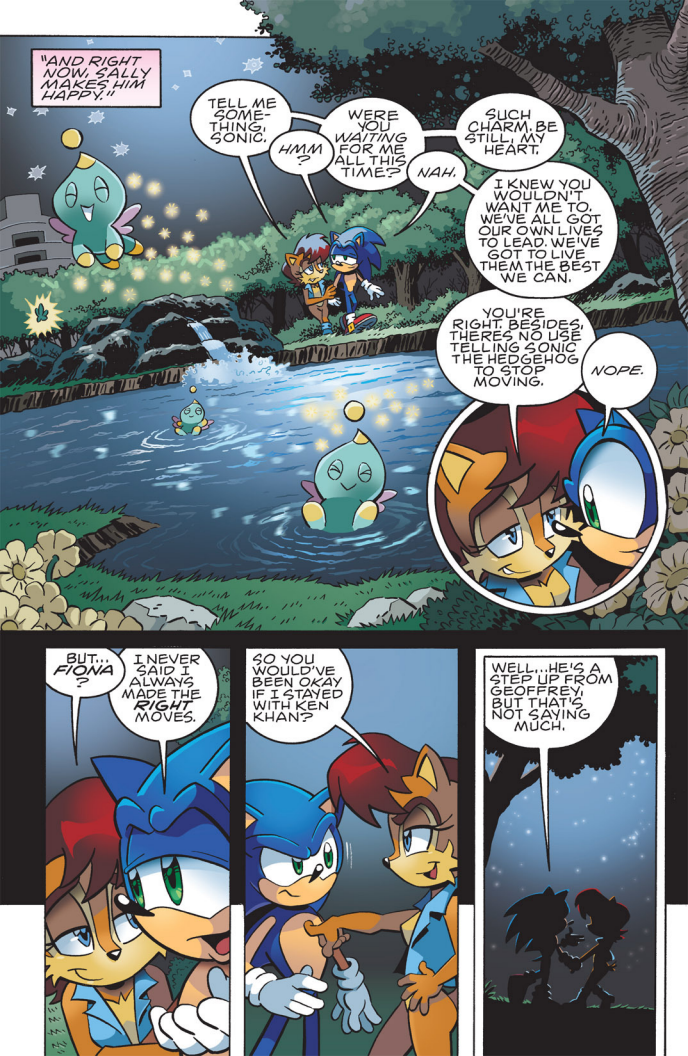

SOON...
SORRY FOR THE DELAY!
AW, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. READY FOR DINNER?
SURE. CHUCK'S DINER SOUND GOOD TO YOU?
NORMALLY, YEAH, BUT I GOT US RESERVATIONS AT CRÈME DE LA CRÈME.
YOU DID?
IT'S OUR FIRST DATE IN FOREVER, SO I FIGURED WE'D DO SOMETHING FANCY. BUT IF YOU'D PREFER CHUCK'S...
NO! THAT SOUNDS FINE!
IT IS A SERIOUS DATE.
AND I CAME LIKE THIS.
I BLEW IT ALREADY.
ANTOINE RECOMMENDED THE PLACE.
SAID THAT THEY DON'T USE MARGARINE, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
AND SO...
RESERVATION FOR TWO, UNDER "SONIC."
Crème de la C
I'M SORRY, SIR, I DON'T...

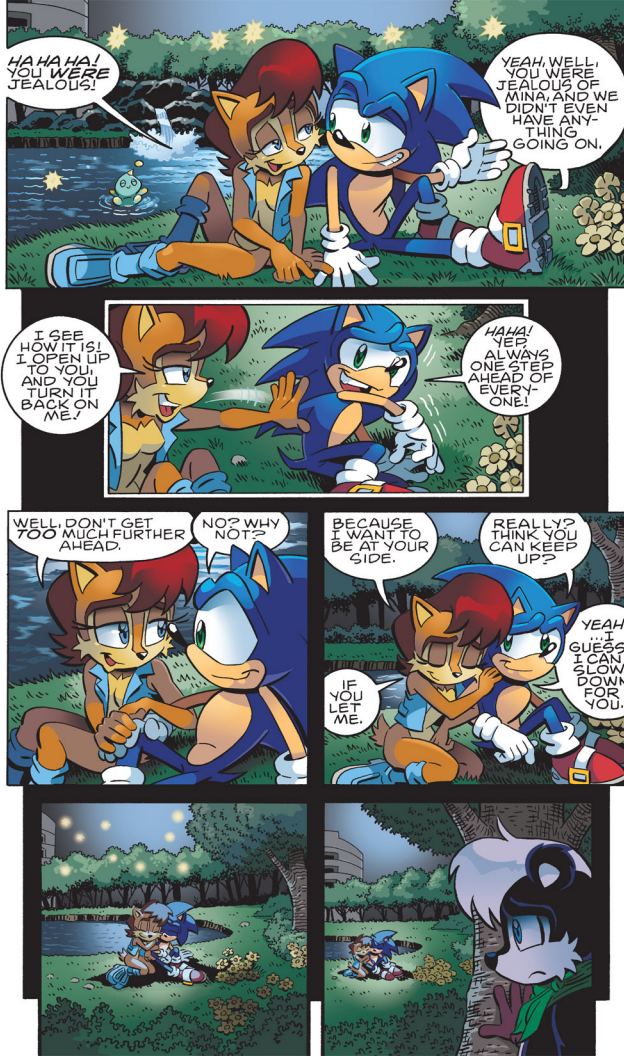

"SONIC," HERO OF MOBIUS? FOUGHT ROBOTNIK? WITH THE PRINCESS RIGHT HERE?
AH! OF COURSE! RIGHT THIS WAY.
UH-OH...
ASH AND MINA ARE HERE TONIGHT.
YEAH. SO?
I JUST WISH...
...I HANDLED THE TALK AFTER THE CONCERT BETTER.
SHE'S JUST WORRIED FOR THE CITIZENS, AND...
NUH-UH. TONIGHT ALL YOU WORRY ABOUT IS WHAT TO ORDER.
WELCOME AND GOOD EVENING.
HEY, THERE. WE'LL START OFF WITH WATER, AND...
ACTUALLY...


I WAS WONDERING IF I MIGHT ASK YOU SOMETHING FIRST.
UH...SURE. SHOOT.
WHEN ARE THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS GOING TO PULL THE PLUG ON NICOLE? Y'KNOW... SINCE SHE'S...
...A THREAT TO THE CITY.
WE'RE DOING NO SUCH THING. WE--
YEAH! NICOLE IS A FREEDOM FIGHTER TOO!
SHE HELPED CAPTURE AND LEGIONIZE MOBIANS!
THE IRON QUEEN WAS USING MIND CONTROL, DUH!
-SIGH- LET'S GO, ASH.
SURE. BUT NO DESSERT?
I CAN'T. NOT WITH THAT GOING ON.
"THIS ISN'T WHAT MY MUSIC WAS SUPPOSED TO CREATE."
--THERE'S STILL NO EXCUSE FOR--
--YEAH, WELL, I THINK--
--SAVED US ALL BACK WHEN--
--NEITHER OF YOU REALIZE THAT--

Crème de
SUDDENLY I'VE LOST MY APPETITE. DO YOU WANT TO...?
YES, PLEASE.
HEY! WAIT! WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THIS?
YEAH! YOU'RE FREEDOM FIGHTERS! YOU'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS.
LOOK! GUYS! COULD YOU JUST--!
GIVE IT A REST!
PIKO!


YOU TWO GO ON AND HAVE A LOVELY EVENING. I'LL COVER YOU.
SWEET! YOU'RE THE BEST!
THANK YOU, AMY.
BUT...
LISTEN UP!
THOSE TWO HAVE DONE MORE FOR YOU AND THIS CITY THAN ANY-ONE ELSE! THEY GET TO HAVE ONE NIGHT OF PEACE AND QUIET!
BUT AREN'T YOU AMY ROSE? THE CHICK WHO'S ALWAYS AFTER SONIC?
UH...
SONIC'LL BE MINE, ONE DAY. UNTIL THEN...
...I JUST WANT HIM TO BE HAPPY.

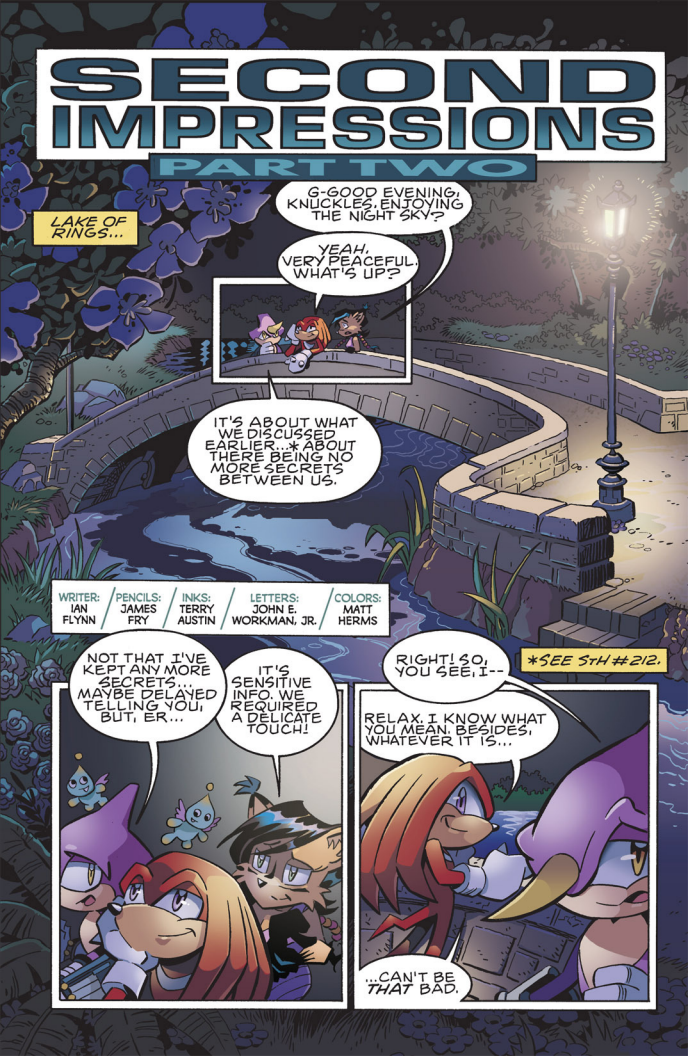

"AND RIGHT NOW, SALLY MAKES HIM HAPPY."
TELL ME SOMETHING, SONIC.
HMM?
WERE YOU WAITING FOR ME ALL THIS TIME?
NAH.
SUCH CHARM. BE STILL, MY HEART.
I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T WANT ME TO. WE'VE ALL GOT OUR OWN LIVES TO LEAD. WE'VE GOT TO LIVE THEM THE BEST WE CAN.
YOU'RE RIGHT. BESIDES, THERE'S NO USE TELLING SONIC THE HEDGEHOG TO STOP MOVING.
NOPE.
BUT... FIONA?
I NEVER SAID I ALWAYS MADE THE RIGHT MOVES.
SO YOU WOULD'VE BEEN OKAY IF I STAYED WITH KEN KHAN?
WELL... HE'S A STEP UP FROM GEOFFREY, BUT THAT'S NOT SAYING MUCH.


HA HA HA! YOU WERE JEALOUS!
YEAH, WELL, YOU WERE JEALOUS OF MINA, AND WE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE ANY-THING GOING ON.
I SEE HOW IT IS! I OPEN UP TO YOU, AND YOU TURN IT BACK ON ME!
HAHA! YEP. ALWAYS ONE STEP AHEAD OF EVERY-ONE!
WELL, DON'T GET TOO MUCH FURTHER AHEAD.
NO? WHY NOT?
BECAUSE I WANT TO BE AT YOUR SIDE.
REALLY? THINK YOU CAN KEEP UP?
YEAH ...I GUESS I CAN SLOW DOWN FOR YOU.
IF YOU LET ME.

ELSEWHERE...
YOU SHOULD BE PRACTICING YOUR SHADOW-MELDING.
I DON'T HAVE THE HEAD FOR IT TONIGHT, SIR.
CLEAR YOUR THOUGHTS, BOY! TOMORROW, NEW MOBOTROPOLIS WILL BE MINE!
IXIS NAUGUS IS READY TO MAKE HIS MOVE! WILL SONIC AND THE OTHERS BE READY FOR WHAT'S TO COME? FIND OUT NEXT TIME! UNTIL THEN, ENJOY SONIC UNIVERSE, THE SONIC ARCHIVES, AND SONIC SELECTS!

SECOND IMPRESSIONS

PART TWO


LAKE OF RINGS...
G-GOOD EVENING, KNUCKLES. ENJOYING THE NIGHT SKY?
YEAH, VERY PEACEFUL. WHAT'S UP?
IT'S ABOUT WHAT WE DISCUSSED EARLIER...* ABOUT THERE BEING NO MORE SECRETS BETWEEN US.
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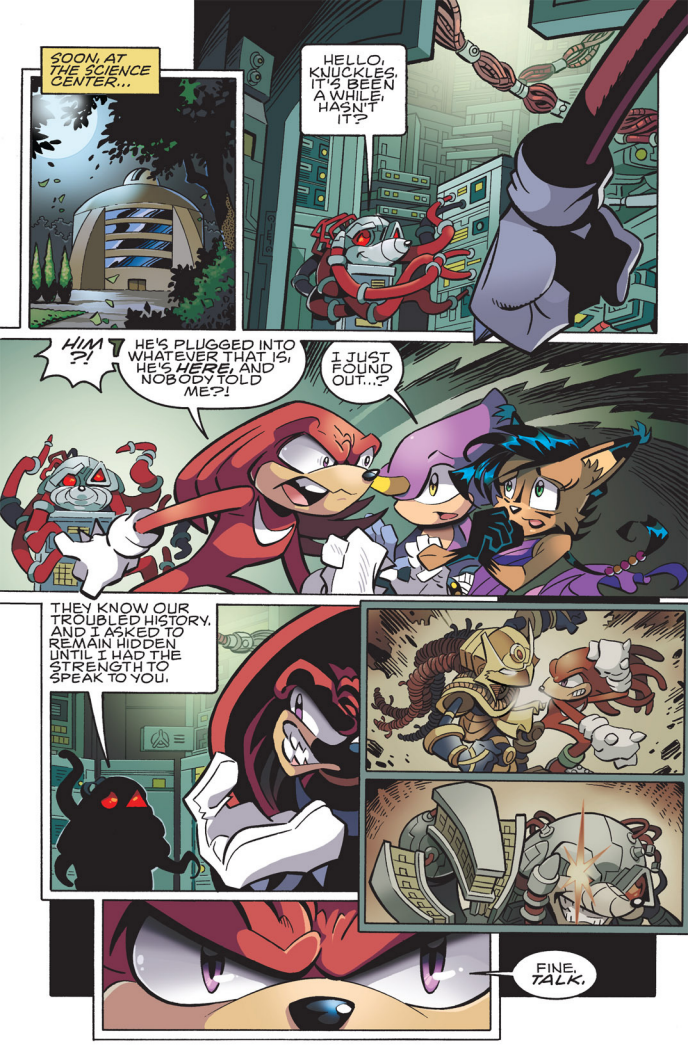
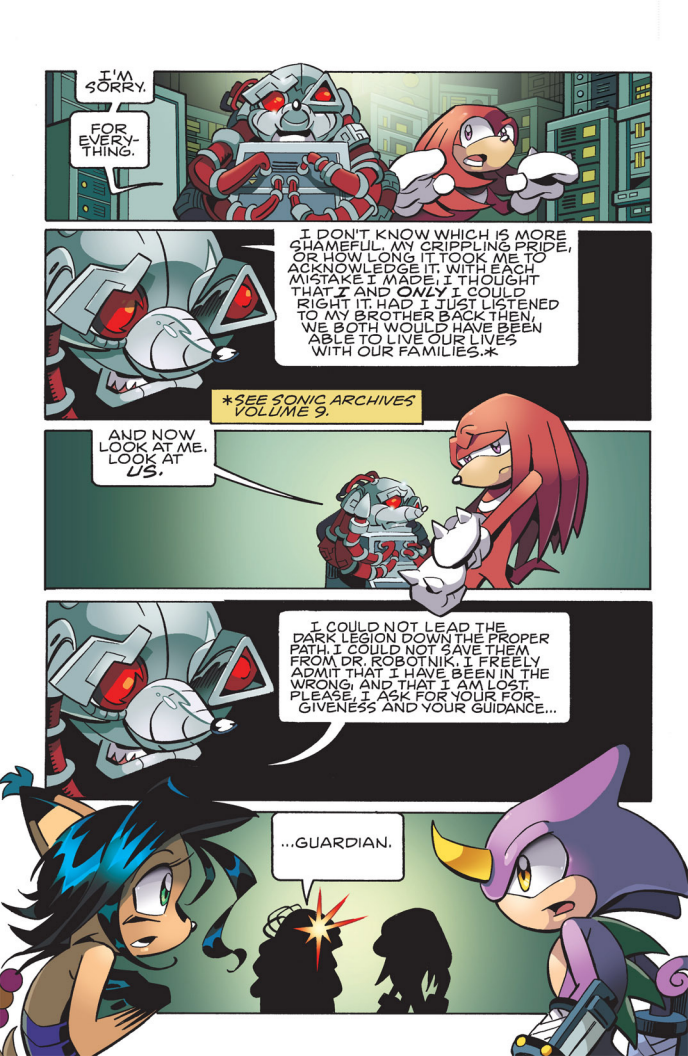
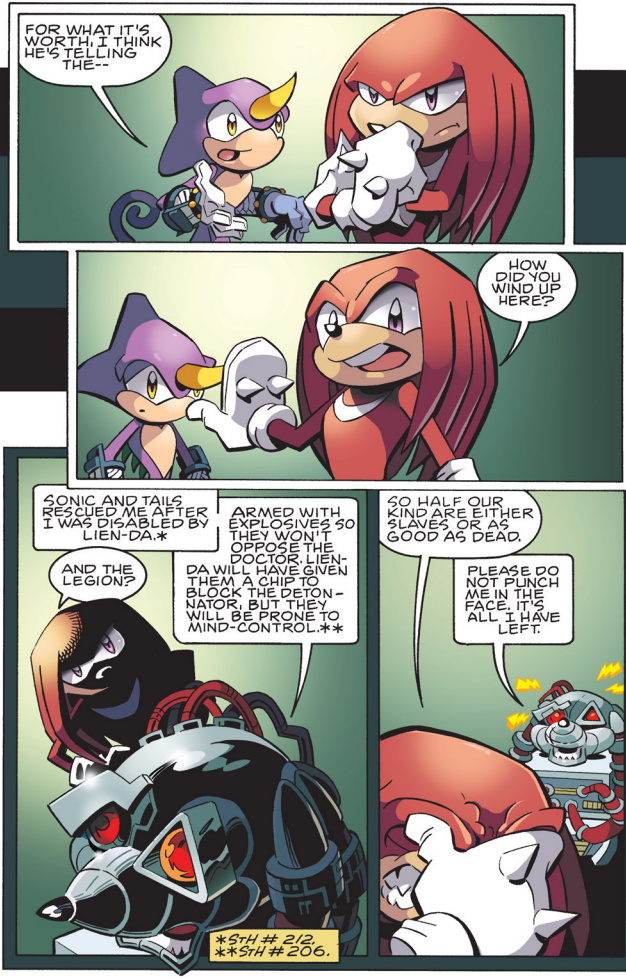
NOT THAT I'VE KEPT ANY MORE SECRETS... MAYBE DELAYED TELLING YOU, BUT, ER...
IT'S SENSITIVE INFO. WE REQUIRED A DELICATE TOUCH!
RIGHT! SO, YOU SEE, I--
*SEE STH #212.
RELAX. I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. BESIDES, WHATEVER IT IS...
...CAN'T BE THAT BAD.


SOON, AT THE SCIENCE CENTER...
HELLO, KNUCKLES. IT'S BEEN A WHILE, HASN'T IT?
HIM?!
HE'S PLUGGED INTO WHATEVER THAT IS, HE'S HERE, AND NOBODY TOLD ME?!
I JUST FOUND OUT...?
THEY KNOW OUR TROUBLED HISTORY. AND I ASKED TO REMAIN HIDDEN UNTIL I HAD THE STRENGTH TO SPEAK TO YOU.
FINE. TALK.


I'M SORRY.
FOR EVERY-THING.
I DON'T KNOW WHICH IS MORE SHAMEFUL, MY CRIPPLING PRIDE, OR HOW LONG IT TOOK ME TO ACKNOWLEDGE IT. WITH EACH MISTAKE I MADE, I THOUGHT THAT I AND ONLY I, COULD RIGHT IT. HAD I JUST LISTENED TO MY BROTHER BACK THEN, WE BOTH WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LIVE OUR LIVES WITH OUR FAMILIES.*
*SEE SONIC ARCHIVES VOLUME 9.
AND NOW LOOK AT ME. LOOK AT US.
I COULD NOT LEAD THE DARK LEGION DOWN THE PROPER PATH. I COULD NOT SAVE THEM FROM DR. ROBOTNIK. I FREELY ADMIT THAT I HAVE BEEN IN THE WRONG, AND THAT I AM LOST. PLEASE, I ASK FOR YOUR FOR-GIVENESS AND YOUR GUIDANCE...
...GUARDIAN.


FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, I THINK HE'S TELLING THE--
HOW DID YOU WIND UP HERE?
SONIC AND TAILS RESCUED ME AFTER I WAS DISABLED BY LIEN-DA.*
ARMED WITH EXPLOSIVES SO THEY WON'T OPPOSE THE DOCTOR. LIEN-DA WILL HAVE GIVEN THEM A CHIP TO BLOCK THE DETONATOR, BUT THEY WILL BE PRONE TO MIND-CONTROL.**
AND THE LEGION?
SO HALF OUR KIND ARE EITHER SLAVES OR AS GOOD AS DEAD.
PLEASE DO NOT PUNCH ME IN THE FACE. IT'S ALL I HAVE LEFT.
*STH # 212.
**STH # 206.

LISTEN UP! YOU'RE GOING BACK TO ANGEL ISLAND, I'M PLUGGING YOU INTO WHAT'S LEFT OF HAVEN, AND YOU'RE GOING TO SPEND THE REST OF YOUR LIFE TRYING TO FIX THIS MESS!
I... I WILL! THANK YOU!
I'LL TALK TO JULIE-SU AND SEE WHAT SHE CAN DO. GET READY TO WORK, OLD MAN.
YES! I WILL! THANK YOU, GUARDIAN!
AS FOR YOU TWO...
...I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU DID HERE AND WHY. THANKS.
THAT WENT BETTER THAN EXPECTED.
END